



California Department of
EDUCATION

THE CALIFORNIA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY



What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?

The State Seal of Biliteracy is a recognition by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for graduating high school students who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. The State Seal of Biliteracy is marked by a gold seal affixed to the diploma or transcript.

How Can You Earn the California State Seal of Biliteracy?

To earn the California State Seal of Biliteracy, graduating high school seniors must demonstrate proficiency in English and one or more languages in addition to English. See reverse for details.

More Information



For more information on the State Seal of Biliteracy, visit the California Department of Education (CDE) State Seal of Biliteracy web page by scanning this QR code or typing this address into your browser:

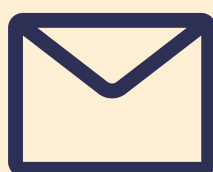
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp>.

QUESTIONS?

**VISIT THE CDE STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY WEB PAGE OR
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REQUIREMENTS

English Proficiency Requirements

Pass an English Assessment:



OR



OR



OR



Pass either the English language arts (ELA) California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) at the “standard met” level or above, or the Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a three or above, or the International Baccalaureate (IB) exam with a four or above, or the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section of the SAT with a 480 or above.

OR

Complete English Coursework:



Complete all ELA graduation requirements with a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or above.

Second Language Proficiency Requirements

Pass a World Language Assessment:



OR



OR



Pass either an AP exam with a three or above, an IB exam with a four or above, or an ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with scores of intermediate mid or higher. Or, pass a district-approved assessment of the same rigor as an AP exam.

OR

Complete World Language Coursework:



AND



Complete a four-year high school course of study in the language with a 3.0 GPA or above.

Demonstrate oral proficiency in the language.

Additional Requirement for Students Currently Classified as English Learners:



Demonstrate oral proficiency in English by obtaining an oral language composite score of level four on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

These requirements have been updated per Assembly Bill 370, effective January 1, 2024.